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1	HOUSE BILL NO. 209		
2	INTRODUCED BY R. MARSHALL		
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4	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REMOVING THE LIMIT ON PRIZES FOR INDIVIDUAL LIVE CARI		
5	GAMES; AND AMENDING SECTIONS 23-5-312 AND 23-5-710, MCA."		
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7	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:		
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9	Section 1. Section 23-5-312, MCA, is amended to read:		
10	"23-5-312. Prizes not to exceed \$800 Payment of prizes exception. (1) A prize for an individual		
11	live card game may not exceed the value of \$800. Games may not be combined in any manner so as to		
12	increase the value of the ultimate prize awarded. There is no value limit on prizes for individual live card games.		
13	Except during a tournament conducted under 23-5-317, all prizes must be awarded immediately upon-on		
14	completion of each hand.		
15	(2) If a licensed operator conducts a promotional game of chance involving a live card game, the prize		
16	limit provided for in subsection (1) applies to prizes awarded as a result of the promotional game of chance."		
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18	Section 2. Section 23-5-710, MCA, is amended to read:		
19	"23-5-710. Requirements for conducting casino nights. A nonprofit organization that has obtained		
20	a permit under 23-5-706 shall conduct a casino night in compliance with the following conditions:		
21	(1) (a) Except as provided in subsection (1)(b), a casino night may not last more than 12		
22	consecutive hours.		
23	(b) A casino night may be split into two separate, 6-consecutive hour sessions that may not be		
24	held on the same day but must be held in the same calendar year.		
25	(2) The casino night must be managed and operated only by members of the nonprofit		
26	organization that was issued the permit under 23-5-706. The members may not be compensated for their		
27	services.		
28	(3) Only merchandise or cash may be awarded as prizes.		



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1	(4)	Proceeds derived from the casino night, after payment of reasonable administrative expenses	
2	may be used only for a civic, charitable, or educational purpose, and administrative expenses may not exce		
3	50% of the pro	ceeds.	

- (5) If cash prizes are awarded, the prizes for bingo and keno may not exceed the prize limits established in 23-5-412. Live card games must be limited to those authorized in 23-5-311, and the prizes may not exceed the prize amount established in are subject to 23-5-312.
- 7 (6) A casino night may not include a card game tournament provided for in 23-5-317."

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